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Filed: January 30, 2004 )

For: AUTOMATED STORAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF OPERATING

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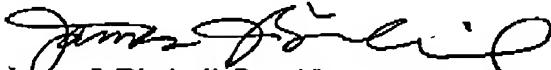
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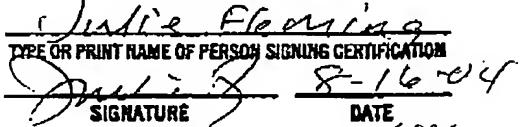
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*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
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- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, Identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

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- Additional claim fees of \$258 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

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- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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